GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7627
ANSWERED ON:16.05.2002
ACTION AGAINST DEFAULTING COMPANIES
RAGHUNATH JHA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CAG in its Report 9 of 1998 in paragraph 4.3.1 on page 147-150brought to the notice of the Railway Board in September, 1997 instead of taking legal action against the defaulting firms from whom cost of C.I. Scrap (Grade I)worth Rs. 2.56 cr. remained to be recovered were placed further order for the supply of 1556 tonnes of sleeper plates;

(b) if so, whether the legal action has been taken against the defaulting firm and if not, the reasons therefor; (

(c) the reasons for placing further order on the defaulting firms;

(d) the action taken against the delinquent officials;

(e) whether the handling of stores in Eastern Railway for the last three-four years has been questionable and an number of irregularities have been taken place;

(f) if so, whether any enquiry has been conducted; and

(g) if so the outcome thereof and the action taken in the matter?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (g): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (g) OF USTARRED QUESTION NO. 7627 BY SHRI RAGHUNATH JH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.5.2002 REGARDING ACTION AGAINST DEFAULTING COMPANIES.

(a) to (d) CAG report pointed out excess supply of C.I. scrap to some firms.The supply orders on firms are with a delivery period which gets extended on request of firms if there are acceptable reasons. During delivery period it was not considered prudent to debar the firms from supply orders. Therefore, further orders were placed. Instructions for initiation of legal action were issued. Present position of the action and results thereof are being collected and would be apprised later.

(e) to (g) No Sir. However, regular checks are conducted from time to time and suitable action where necessary is taken against officials/staff responsible for irregularities/lapses.